

January 2, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

You are quite a teaser, but I suspected that you were trying to sneak into the coin business. I wish you a lot of luck with it and I know you will have a lot of enjoyment.

I suggest that you send me the five pound note of April 7, 1762 at a reasonable price, depending on its condition, as I might wish to buy it, also. You might also make a list of the other nice Colonials you have for sale as I presume you are retaining for yourself only Pennsylvania and do not mind selling other things. Or am I wrong?

I am certainly pleased that you have finished your New Hampshire article and presume you are familiar with what A.F. Davis had to say on New Hampshire paper money in his discourse on Massachusetts currency. The Bullock item, I hope, was helpful.

If you would like some duplicates of mine in either coins or paper money in exchange for the items you may sell me, please let me know, or, if you prefer cash, just let me know.

As to your writing of Pennsylvania money, you should send me your list of issues, denominations, and plate letters and let me check it. I have extensive data which could be used to check you. I also have other relative material which I have assembled over the years. To assemble my leaf work I also studied currency of your state most vigorously. I have never undertaken to have botanical identification of the 1781, 1783, or 1785 Pennsylvania issues done and you might wish to add that. Please await my published leaf work as there are additions and corrections since the draft you saw.

My very best wishes to you for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wynnton, Pa.

January 11, 1964

Dear Eric:

I guess you have been busy these past few weeks, and I didn't ask if you were going to the FVN Convention in Clearwater, my wife and I will drive to local Gables last Saturday to visit my sister, and then were going over there on Wednesday, I guess it will have a good time and dislike having to return home to the cold weather up there!

I had a letter from Harley, who was going over also, and said he had sold his collection to you. I congratulate you, Eric, for now you will have a really wonderful collection, together with the mass of attributed data, which, in itself, should be helpful in your further research.

I recall some correspondence I had back in 1959, that Harley stated that to his knowledge George Clymer never was authorized or signed any notes of Penna. He had asked information on signers, and disagreed when I mentioned Clymer, when, in fact, I had two notes at one time. One I gave to the bank in Phila., of which Clymer was the first president in 1803, and the other was sold to Edgar Mason (I think that was his name). Well, he intended to sell his collection through an auction at Stock's, and I wrote asking him if he would sell the note back to me, at his own price, which he refused, and told me to bid on it in the sale, of course I was not successful in my mail bid, and therefore, lost track of it. I had sold him a number of nice notes, and I would have thought that just one little bit of reciprocity would not be asking too much! I don't know if Harley ever acquired his signature or not, and if not, I believe to this day he doesn't believe such a note exists. He always had it in for my old friend, F.C.C. Boyd, after Chapman sold everything to Boyd. For several years I had delusions of getting his collection!

I don't suppose you have any plans as to the turn your studies will take at this time, do you? Once I get Lema completed, I have nothing definite in mind, and naturally, I don't want to work on anything that might infringe on your work. I would be pleased to collaborate with you on anything, any time, if I can be of assistance to you, just say the word. I have an idea that with our combined knowledge of current values, we could, and should, compile a modern catalogue to replace that obsolete Raymond issue of 1955! What are your ideas? And, to add a bit more information and decent illustrations of all issues, for I have many photos and negatives available. I don't think the project would take too long, and I would enjoy doing a lot of work on it - it is really necessary. Supplemental values could be listed when needed.

So, let me hear from you, and enjoy you the thrill of exploration into Harless' collection and data; my fun in looking through a box of old coins, not knowing what to expect as I pick up each one! Let me know what information you have on signatures of J. Wilson, Jr. Wilson, and Jas. Wilson, signers of Continental Yorktown, and other issues. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

P.S. I looked for a letter today, but no luck! I wrote to a chap, whom I had forgotten about long ago, and he had read my Maryland article. Had some notes he wants to sell or trade for coins. So, we'll see what transpires!

Dick.

EPN

January 16, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I have to leave town but wanted to let you know three things first.

1. You did not send me the 1762 Virginia piece which you indicated you were going to send.

2. Harley did acquire a George Clymer signature on a 1755 Pennsylvania bill so he certainly believes you.

3. I will write you at length about the matter of the catalog as I have several requests to work one up and sincerely believe that other than the two of us no one has sufficient information to do a satisfactory job on it. There is a manuscript prepared by Bradbeer, thirty or more years ago, which someone may publish. It is one of the most inaccurate pieces of writing I have ever seen.

I will write to you about the other items, also, in due course.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Dear Eric:

I have just finished typing up a listing of the colonial and Continental notes, copied verbatim from the old catalogue. I thought I would send this on to you, for any corrections you may wish to make. I realize there are some errors, but copied it just as it was.

If you wish, you could insert in the condition columns opposite the denominations, your opinion as to prices for good, fine, and unc., where such would possibly be obtainable. Also, any comments as to the general order of arrangement would be appreciated, for you have your own good ideas for such appearance as would best suit this mutual project. What is your opinion as to illustrations. Would complete classification from the earliest issues be feasible? Or would it be too voluminous for practical purposes? Also, too expensive? Please feel free to make any comments whatsoever, for your experience and conversations with others would surely be most valuable, as I, for one, would like it to be something that would not readily be improved upon within a reasonable time. It should be a lasting, enduring reference, good for all time! What say you?

My copy of the Numismatist arrived today, and I was pleasantly surprised to read the first installment of your very excellent article. I just wish the Numismatist were a bit stronger with good articles on any subject. I don't wish to make any distinction for any favorite subject, but have always doubted the benefits derived from inclusion of the monthly meetings, which occupy ten pages of valuable space. One or two additional articles could be inserted, and in a case such as your article, and earlier articles of mine, and many others, it could be done in one complete installment. Those pages are just a waste as far as I am concerned. But, I digress; your fine article will, I am sure, help all of us, and will create added interest in the colonial note series. You are to be complimented for doing the research necessary to unearth such hidden data. I do hope you will receive many letters of commendation, for it is encouraging when the readers find it interesting and informative. The small colonial field will find a few more converts.

Do you collect Confederate notes? I am supposed to have some rarities sent in soon, among them a couple of the "ontgomery notes, Indian princess, etc. I have a number of notes I want to photograph as soon as I can find time to do so, including the early Virginias; just to have a Kodachrome of different issues. Then, perhaps I can make up a brief sketch on them, and turn the slides, etc., over to the Custodian, Mike, for use by the clubs later. Do you think the idea worth-while, or not? I would perhaps like to borrow some of your notes later, especially just one Vermont, to include, and some others, which I don't have. I have negatives in black and white of many, but not the colored slides. If you have any ideas on it, I would appreciate them.

So, look out for the large envelope of the notes series, which should reach you within a day or two. I thought I would have had a letter from you ere this, but I know how busy you are, so I'll await further information regarding my questions at your convenience. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours, Dick

EPN

February 7, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 243
Glenside, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Not having received the list which you indicated you were sending in your letter of January 29, I merely wanted to let you know. I also am enclosing my check for the money due you for the Virginia piece. What about the other Virginia pieces?

Thank you for your nice comments on the Nature Print article.

I will write you as soon as I get the other mailing.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna.,
February 10, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Last week I heard a rumor that Friedberg is preparing a revised catalogue of colonial notes, and as a result, am a bit apprehensive as to my future course along this same line. Have you heard anything of this? I certainly have no monopoly along that line, but, if true, I would have thought he would have contacted you particularly for information.

My work on the Pennsylvania work is progressing slowly; I've been very busy renewing many old contacts, and have been able to buy some nice items and have been selling right along. My small ad in the Numismatist was very well received, for I have sold most of the items listed of the fifteen. I was somewhat skeptical, not having been in touch with the coin world as to prices of the ancient Greek coins I had advertised, but already have had some repeat business for other coins, which is quite heartening, and as in days of yore, complaints are included in many of the letters regarding the up-grading and over-pricing, especially of the so-called big boys! A chap in Ardmore told me Friday he gave a set of half dimes to a western big-shot, many months ago when he was in town, but as yet hasn't been paid.

If you don't want to keep the 'Virginia note, I would appreciate your sending it to me. I know you are up to your ears in work, and perhaps haven't had an opportunity to photograph it. If you wish, I will do so, and send you a negative and finished prints.

I am enclosing several Bungtown copper coins. I acquired them in a collection, and I cannot remember who told me that you were interested in this series, but if you want them, just send me what you think they are worth to you. I hesitate to price them, not knowing much about them! I certainly would not want to over-charge you, so you look them over when you have time.

I had a letter from a friend yesterday, who is going to send me some of the rare CSA notes, including a 1st issue, "Montgomery note, one of the R.R. train, the Indian Princess, and a few others. I notice a softening of prices for rolls and bags these last few weeks, and I'm just afraid that some of the boys will get hurt one of these fine days with all the speculation going on.

So, I'll get this off to you promptly, and with kindest regards,

I remain,

Cordially yours,



February 12, 1964

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I have been thinking over the matter of the revised catalogue of Colonial notes and, for the present, I feel I should do nothing about it until the air clears. I asked Ben Douglas whether he was working on such a thing and he indicated he was not.

I do happen to know that the list that was prepared by Bradbeer, many years ago, may be published, and that Friedberg has possibly obtained this list. It is the most erroneous messed up material I have ever seen as I did have the opportunity to look it over and recommended that it not be published or even corrected. I have not been contacted by Friedberg and now you know as much as I do.

Thank you for sending me the Bungtowns. I believe there is only one that I do not have and will be returning the balance. For the one, my notion is to give you two others, so that you will have benefited substantially without any price being set. I don't know what the items are worth today but I have paid from 20¢ to 50¢ for them in the past.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna.,
February 14, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter received this morning. I suppose I did not clearly indicate my intention when I sent you the Bungtown coppers. If there was any value to the lot, to you, fine, and if not, I wanted you to keep them at any rate, as I have no knowledge of them specifically, and, having heard of your interest in them, was only trying to assist in the acquisition of different specimens.

Reading between the lines, I gather that someone is intending to do some revision of the catalogue, and as long as you would rather not do anything on the matter, I feel that I will at least continue working on it as time permits, and do something on my own. At least, I will be that much ahead if I can manage the thing later.

I haven't had much time to do research in recent weeks. The ad I ran in the Numismatist was well received. I was apprehensive as to my grading and pricing. All of the 15 or so coins listed were sold, and then from re-orders I sold practically all of the other Greeks I had on hand, including 4 Syracuse tetradms.. The majority of coins were sold to dealers, which, in itself is amazing. I have had so many renewed contacts recently, and have acquired quite nice items in coins and notes, including two collections of fractional notes, for which I will have a small ad in the March Numismatist. I just bought 30 crisp specimens of F. 1312, cat. at \$25 each, which is good stock, and some really scarce ones also, and am to get another type set in, including a 15¢ Grant & Sherman note.

But, the most thrilling acquisition for years and years, was in an accumulation of odds and ends of notes, two small engravings of Franklin, one in earlier years sporting a wig, and the other in later years, both autographed by him! A friend has an indenture of 1756, signed by Franklin, and some while ago, refused \$200 for it.

In the lot also were about 15 of the 1907 Clearing House Scrip from various banks, mostly mid-west and west, nearly all crisp, and some nice obsolete notes, including a crisp \$100 note of the Bank of West Florida, and a \$5.00 note of Fernandina, Fla. I'm working on a chap now who has a Gobrecht, 1836, plain edge proof dollar (5 known), and a chap from Canada is supposed to send me a well worn 1921 Canadian half dollar, and hope I get this next week. I've seen the prices on these late rolls and bags of coins slip in recent weeks, and have no interest; some innocent boys are likely to get hurt, I fear, but I would prefer to stay away from that phase completely.

Of course, I have been awaiting your shipment of a couple of shoe-boxes jammed full of colonial notes of your duplicates. Have you sold them to the big boys? Remembering your earlier excellent study of Vermont cents; I did get a dozen of them in various conditions (not too wonderful, as you know), but all attributed, and was wondering if you would want a list of the varieties I

have, or want me to send some to you for your inspection?

So, you can see I've not been a dullard in my work; in fact, it seems that week-ends and evenings have kept me deeply engrossed. I'm working toward the day when I can move from here up to our cottage in the mountains, where we can enjoy ourselves. Last fall I had a new roof installed, and this spring want to get heat installed. I intend working on about 42 storm windows on week-ends during the summer, and gradually fix up the large room on the 2nd floor as a very large work area, with bookshelves, desks, etc. Some modernization must be done in the kitchen and baths, and basement for laundering, etc., and preparations made for living in the winter months when snow piles up to great depths. Friends were up a few weeks ago, after a previous snowfall, and reported upon their return, that there were more people around in the winter skiing, than during the summer when the cottagers are living there.

Well, I'll think over the matter of the catalogue, and I appreciate your comments. Actually, I could care less what Friedberg does! I must be guided by my own dictates. So, if there is anything in which you are interested, let me know, as sometimes things turn up. If I knew what you wanted, I could keep my weather eye peeled. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

February 18, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I congratulate you for acquiring the Franklin items. Those are great, but out of my field. However, the Vermont coppers and the 1907 Banking Scrip are very much in my field and I wish you would send them to me, on approval.

As to the Colonial Catalogue, I now hear that Whitman wants to put out a catalogue and that Ben Douglas may work on it but Lynn Glaser has turned over his information and is not going to work on it. I just do not know what to do about it.

I will write you soon again about the Freeman material.

Good luck on remodeling your summer home.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna.,
February 20, 1964.

Dear Eric.

Thank you for your kind letter and the information. I suppose I had better forget about the catalogue. Like the shoemaker, I should stick to my lest! My only purpose was to try to get something moving on it, for a decent one is sorely needed, and I thought only that I could help someone do the job!

I am enclosing the Clearing House notes, I had acquired them in the collection I probably mentioned to you earlier, and three Vermont cents, with lowered prices to you. I have a few others, and will send them if you wish.

I do not know the values of those notes, and leave it to your good judgment as to their value. I have just gotten a nice collection of fractional currency, which I think is due for a rise in the near future, but I am short on cash, as I just hate to turn things down when they pop up, so if you can do so, I would appreciate the money instead of a trade, right at this time.

I didn't receive the Bungtown coppers back yet, and I thought, or wanted, to tell you to keep them regardless of what they might be worth to you. I do appreciate your mentioning sending one of your duplicates to replace the one you didn't have. One chap has just a few of them at our club, and said he would bring them in for me at our next meeting, so if they are decent enough, I'll send them on to you to look over.

Within a week or two I will be in better cash position, I am sure. And, if there are fractional notes you want, let me know, as I have a very good stock of crisp ones on hand at this time. Let me know what numbers you need, and will price them reasonably.

I got a \$100 Bank of West Florida, Marianna Branch, crisp, or maybe I mentioned it to you. So, things keep moving along. Oh, yes, I get a nice collection of early halves, starting with the 1805 on up. As I had only a few, I was glad to get them.

So, I'll get these off to you right away, and I do hope all is well with you. We have had another heavy snowfall on Tuesday, lasting through the night, but spring is on the way, and am looking for the robin's on their return. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours;

Dick

February 25, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P. O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I am enclosing a check for \$28.00 covering the 1907 Scrip at \$2.00 each and hope it is satisfactory to you. Thank you for sending them to me and although I am not an expert on what things are worth, I am doing my best to be fair.

As far as the Bungtowns are concerned, I thought you had given them to me and, for that reason, did not return them. I am returning the lot herewith as they are not in a condition where they will sell easily.

As far as the Vermonts are concerned, I definitely would like to see all of those with the head on the obverse.

I am returning the Vermont Tensium piece and am checking the die varieties of the two others.

As far as fractional currency is concerned, I believe I have all of the major varieties in nice condition.

You certainly are becoming a dealer, over night, and it is a pleasure to know that you are going to add to my collection as I don't want to stop being a collector and devote all of my time to research. It seems to require collecting in order to become acquainted with some of the research problems.

You will hear from me on the two Vermonts I have retained for checking and I look forward to examining the others.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna.,
February 23, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I guess I confused you again, for I really DID intend that you keep the Bungtowns, so I am enclosing them herewith. I am quite satisfied with the amount you paid for the Clearing House notes, and many thanks. Here is another Vt. cent; I didn't send the landscape Vt's., as you indicated this type was the only one desired.

Last night I bought an 1856 F.I. cent, which was originally a proof, but showing only the barest sign of having been mishandled. It had been in the family for years and years, and was the only coin the chap had. We accidentally started talking about coins at a party Saturday night, and he already had had an offer from New Netherlands, who were quite anxious to steal it!

I've been getting some nice material, have gotten another collection of fractional, crisp, which included some specimens (although trimmed down to regular size), but nice items. If you know anyone who wants a complete set of Commemorative halves with the dollar and quarter included, or a complete set of Commemorative gold pieces, let me know!

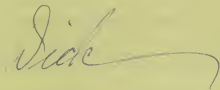
Had a call from a chap who had found an old Bible, and in the pages were an uncut pair of N.Y. 1709 notes, and an early N.H. of 1734 I think he said, or 1737, but I think it was the former. Also, received a few N.C. notes the other day, but hesitate to keep them, as they are priced a bit high, I think, but who am I in this day of spiralling prices? Yes, you were going to let me have a few duplicates of your recent acquisition too, weren't you? An old chap in Phila., whom I never met until the other day, had a bad robbery, and among the things taken (he had over 900 colonial notes), was a complete set of Vermonts, plus two duplicates! If you ever hear of anything like that popping up, let me know. He also had a Lord Baltimore coin, which had been in the same family practically from the first day it was struck!

I am also on the trail of some other good material, and am to see a chap this

P.M. about 20 U.S. 1803 Eagle, and am awaiting delivery of the Canadian 1921 half dollar which I may have mentioned earlier to you.

So, everything is moving along nicely, and Dick, Jr., is going to Baltimore tomorrow for the Convention there, and the following week I am planning on attending one in Lebanon, Pa. I will send on to you anything that I think may be of interest to you. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

March 2, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I know someone who wants the pair of 1709 New York notes. I already have them - assuming them to be 5 shillings and 10 shillings.

The New Hampshire 1734 is a private issue and I would like to know what denominations those are as I have some and not others. Please advise me on the foregoing.

On the North Carolina notes, why don't you send them to me indicating the prices asked for them, even if you think they are too high, and I can pay you 10% commission for any I take. Then you don't have to commit yourself.

With respect to the robbery of the man you met in Philadelphia, it is very important you tell me his name and whether all of his Colonial notes were taken or not. Doesn't he have the numbers of any of the notes?

I happen to have all of the Vermont coins which you forwarded and am returning them herewith.

As far as my selling material, as you know, I do not do so except if it is a part of a bulk collection I am buying. I am, of course, perfectly willing to trade and give a dealer his profit in that way. You asked me for cash and, for that reason, I gladly cooperated.

Please be sure that your Flying Eagle Cent is genuine as there are, I am told, a number of altered pieces kicking around.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna.,
March 4, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I am enclosing the only two other Vermont cents I have at this time, so you can look them over. The 1856 F.R. Cent was in one family for years, and is genuine.

The man's name, who was robbed, is John Davis, and from what he told me, most of the notes were taken, but he doesn't have a record of numbers, etc., as far as I know. I haven't yet had a reply about the early colonials I mentioned. The chap wanted to get them from a third party, so I don't know how he made out on that deal.

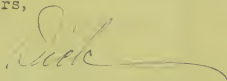
I enjoyed reading the second installment of your excellent article, and it all adds to our better understanding of that series.

I wrote to the chap about the N. Car. notes, but thus far I haven't had a reply of acceptance or rejection of my offer. So, I'll hold up on that for the time being.

I hope you got the tungtoms back again. I think there was a Vermont cent in with them. I'll keep you in mind whenever any of them turn up here. Meenwhile, things are progressing quite well. I'm making up an ad for April of some early halves for the Numismatist, and one on Canadian coins for the Scrapbook. I'M waiting for some response to my fractional ad, as well as the ad in the Scrapbook for some of the more common colonial notes. I have also picked up some more-crisp fractionals to add to my stock.

Well, I'll get this off to you right away, and with kindest regards,
I remain,

Cordially yours,



March 10, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I don't know why I have bad luck but of the few Vermont cents I have, I happen to have these varieties which you sent and, therefore, reluctantly, am returning them.

As to your man, John Davis, who was burglarized, I wonder if he has any inventory as to the pieces which he had even if he does not have the numbers. The amount of stolen material floating around must be enormous.

I have the Buntowns back, again, and you said there might be a Vermont cent in with them. I checked, and there was not.

The only really funny thing that has happened recently, but which Picker does not think is funny, I am sure, is that a very rare Immunis Columbia piece turned up in England and Picker finally obtained it and is offering it for \$20,000. Kosoff comes out in the Coin World and states that he got his information from Bowers and says that the coin was bought for \$75 at an auction, in England, and is being offered for sale in New York at \$5,000. This, of course, will make Picker's chance of getting a fancy figure very much less. Perhaps it is just sour grapes.

I have written to the Library Company of Philadelphia to try to find the emblem book which must have contained the Latin mottoes and circular insignia used on the Continental notes. I am sure they were copied out of some book and am hopeful I can locate it. No person sat down and dreamed up the pictures and the mottoes in the tremendous hurry which was necessary for the Continental notes, particularly since they all related to something in connection with the war.

We just had six inches of snow as Spring began to move in upon us so I shoveled my way out this morning.

My best wishes,

Sincerely,

Maryland	8/14/76	# 2 ² / ₃	\$ 11 ⁷⁵ / ₁₀₀
"	4/10/74	# 1/3	\$ 8 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀
"	4/10/74	# 2/3	\$ 17 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
New York	3/5/76	# 1/2	\$ 15 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀
Wilmington	11/1/62	5¢	17 ⁵ / ₁₀₀
Greenboro Mut	3/1/63	50¢	22 ⁵ / ₁₀₀
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Purchases to be accounted for

Wilmington NC	1.75
Greensboro Mkt 50¢	2.25
Sheet of NH reprints	10.00
Md 8/14/76 #2 2/3	18.75
Md 4/10/74 #1/3	8.25
Md 4/10/74 #2/3	17.00
NY 3/5/76 A 1/2	15.50
Greensboro 25¢	2.50
Patapsco Savings 50¢	1.50
10¢ Newark	2.00
50¢ Phoenix Mkt	1.00
50¢ Marine of Ga	1.50
#50-100 City Trust NY sheet	15.00
Maurice NY	1.00
5¢ Strickland Pa	.75
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50¢ Berks County Bk	4.00
10¢ Farmers S. Thomas	15.00 ?
20¢ Lil 1760	
	11.50
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	\$135

Credits	7.00
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	79.00
Debit	<u>54.70</u>
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137.50

Purchases
By Sid \$66.50

N.C. Wilmington 1.75
N.C. Greensboro Mut Soc 2.25
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Md 8/14/76 \$2 $\frac{2}{3}$ 11.75
Md 4/10/74 \$1/3 8.25
Md 4/10/74 \$2/3 17.00
NY 3/5/76 \$1/2 15.50

Total \$66.50
check for $\frac{11.50}{54.70}$ in coins

Purchases by
Harry

25¢ Greensboro Mut 2.50
50¢ Patapasco 1.50
10¢ Newark 2.00
50¢ Phoenix off 1.00
50¢ Maurice of Ga 1.50
50-100 sheet City Trust 15.00
#1 Farmers Mo 15 tentative 12
38.50 35.50

Credit requested \$3.00

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Maurice NY 1.00
5¢ Strickland Pa .75
10¢ Strickland Pa .75
50¢ Berles Co Bl Pa 4.00
5/31/60 Del 20 S 23.50
30.00
7.50
37.50

Credit \$72.00
4.00
76.00

Cornwall Village

Returns to Hooper 5/6/64

Other

2 Civ. / War Tokens	
10¢ Fla 2/2/63	
\$5 Franklin D. Roosevelt	- no price
Tex Treas Warrant 4/1/62	15.00
Venango \$1.00	1.50
Goodrich	4.00
Phoenix Mfg	1.00
Piscataqua Exch	7.25
En Mo Mtl 1874	30.00

Colonial

Pa 3/10/57 20 sh A	26.75
Md 4/10/74 \$1-	11.75
NYC 8/25/74 1 sh	11.50
NH 8/7/40 4/2 £1, 2, 3, 5	10.00
Del 6/1/59 5 sh	4.00
Md 3/1/70 \$1/3	5.50
Md 4/10/74 1/9	6.75
Conn 10/11/77 5d	17.75
Md 4/10/74 \$1/2	16.50
Del 4/1/59 20 sh	20.00

Returns to Hooper 5/12/64

\$10 Monongahela	6.50	NYC 8/2/75 8 sh	11.50
\$5 Ocmulgee	4.00	NY 3/5/76 \$1/8	15.50
\$5 Com of N.J.	5.50	Del 5/1/58 20s	21.50
\$1- NC State of NC	1.00	Pa 4/10/77 24	13.50
25¢ Asa Holt	2.75	Del 6/1/59 20	18.50

Exchanges

✓ \$3 Monmouth for \$3 Exeter plus \$3 Horn	Pa 10 sh 6/18/64	✓ \$24.50
✓ \$10 Com of Ind for \$2 Chambliss ^{10.00 and}	Pg ^{2/6} sh 3/10/69	✓ 14.50
✓ \$100 Confed for \$100 Confed.	Con 2d 77	✓ 17.75

March 18, 1964

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Your request of March 16, 1964 to include data in the article entitled "Native Printing on Colonial and Continental Currency" is most appreciated. The reason research is undertaken and articles written is so that others can continue to add to the material.

The Numismatist has copyrighted the article but that only means that substantial sections or the article as a whole cannot be reproduced. You are free to include quotations from it or to refer to it and use the data so long as you footnote the source in the standard manner.

With the foregoing in mind, I would be most complimented by your use of my work.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

"We hear it is proposed, that after three months, the currency of all Copper Coin made of bad metal, or wanting in weight, is to be totally suppressed, and that the rest is to pass at the rate of 15 for an eighth part of a dollar. And if it shall appear that there is not a sufficiency for common use, that it will be all called in, and a new impression struck of Continental Copper Coin, of a larger size; twelve of which is to pass for an eighth of a dollar, after which no other Coppers are to pass current."

EPN

March 18, 1964

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I wonder if you would be nice enough to look up something for me at the Pennsylvania Historical Society. They have the only file of the New York Journal which is complete.

Some time in June, or very early July, 1776, an article, more or less like the enclosed text, was published, and I would appreciate it if you could locate that article and tell me the addition and give me the full text if it is different from the enclosed. I would be most grateful. I would write the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, directly, but hesitate to ask them to do research for me.

The new catalogue with respect to the Colonial field, so far as my rumor sources know, is merely one which was written by Bradbeer 20 or 30 years ago and which Bradbeer's son wants to publish. I think Coin and Currency Institute is publishing it and a gentleman by the name of Arnold Perl is participating in getting it published. I have read the manuscript and you don't have to await its release before you continue if it is in the form which I had the opportunity to read.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna., 19038.
March 21, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your two letters, and deeply appreciate your kindness in giving permission to use some references of your Franklin work. I will certainly acknowledge use of anything used therefrom. My main purpose for wanting the use of some information is only a passing one, I will not go into specifics, but as it involves Penna. currency, I'm anxious to have this thing as complete in every detail as possible. I know it will have many shortcomings, as it is just impossible to glean every single reference made to, and about, money from the newspapers of the era, reference books, etc., etc.

I saw Ed Wolfe last week, and he is anxious to see the engravings I have of Franklin, so will take them in next week, when I will pursue the information you have requested at the Historical Society. I'm only too glad to do it for you. A book dealer in Newark, James A. Brown, wrote just a few days ago, asking information regarding the Continental Currency vignettes, as to their origin, etc. I thought perhaps you have been in touch with him about them also, and all I could do was to refer him to you, with the remark that I thought you were doing some research in that area. So, he may write to you in the near future. If there is duplication on the subject, I'm sure you can straighten him out in a hurry!

I am working diligently on the Penna. book, so it will be finished by the time the Cleveland Convention rolls around, as there will be several chips there who might give me some good advice on its publication, etc., and would like to have it complete. Are you planning on attending the affair?

I'm on the trail now of quite a large U.S. collection of everything in coins from copper up through rice gold, mostly early. I've gotten quite a bit of the odds and ends at the first bite, which are nothing choice, but good as a starter in many series.

I think my delay in doing anything finally in a concrete way on the colonial catalogue, will be advantageous, for errors in values, and form, will be evident, and corrections can be made, although everyone clamors for a good catalogue on the subject, which, in turn, will surely focus attention on the series, and definitely raise prices. Dick, Jr., was in York last week-end, as I wanted him to bid on the colonial notes put up in the auction. Well, a crisp 1764 3 or 4 pence note, of Penna., brought about \$225. A crisp 1786 note of Rhode Island, signed by Jon Hazard, as Seitz described it, and a member of the Continental Congress, brought \$22.50! who cares about Hazard? I'll sell a dozen of each denomination, with Hazard's signature, for \$22.00! One dealer had a few 1780 Rhode Island notes priced at \$20.00 each, while a chap at the very next table, had 50 of the same issue, priced whisperingly to me, at \$5.00 each, if I took the lot. This was at a small show in Lebanon the previous week. I told the first chap to buy his neighbor's notes, and make a terrific profit, but I don't think he understood!

The minute I get the information you wish, I will be in touch with you, and here is one more: Clearing House note, if you want it at \$1.00. Got it in with some Virginia obsolete notes last week, from an old southerner. Well, I guess that's about all for the moment. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

EPN

March 24, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna. 19038

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your nice letter of March 21.

Please do not hesitate to send me any Virginia obsolete bank notes or anything else which comes your way, even if you only send me a list.

Thank you for the Lynchburg item for which check for \$2.00 is enclosed.

I am being pressured to work on a Colonial note catalogue but, while I like the idea of the listing of notes and the information concerning them, the valuation is a most difficult problem. The crisp Rhode Island 1786 notes are as common as dirt, as you well know, and I do not believe the auction records or sales prices, although, when a new man comes into a field and knows nothing about the field he can be talked into paying fabulous prices for things he has never seen before.

James Brown wrote me asking for information concerning the Continental Currency vignettes. I am incontact with him although he does not want to let me see something which he recently wrote and wants to have published.

It is pleasant to keep our correspondence rolling.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

MEMORANDUM

March 30, 1964

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

The item in the New York Journal or the General Advertiser which I asked you to look up is in the June 27, 1776 issue. This ascertainment of the date should save time.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

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P. O. Box 243 : : Glenside, Pennsylvania

March thirty first

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Dear Eric:

I was in the Historical Society today, looked through their microfilm rolls of the newspaper from April through August, and couldn't find this excerpt. When I returned home this afternoon I received your note, and will try to get in tomorrow and check out the specific issue you mentioned.

You mentioned in your earlier letter having been pressured regarding a catalogue. I have quite a lot of information of sales, auctions, and my own sales, etc., which should fill in in many areas, and I don't think it would require too much trouble to modernize Raymond's antiquated list. Then, with really fine scrutiny, a revised edition could be published in a year to bring it into sharper focus!

You mentioned about new fellows coming into the field and paying top prices for notes. The chap whom I mentioned earlier is a dealer, and was sure he would sell the crisp 1764 note for \$150.00 at least. Last year Douglas was offering the Rhode Island 1880 and 1786 notes A.U., at \$19.00, and while the one sold brought \$22.50, a few dollars below that would appear reasonable for crisp notes. I have record of all notes sold for the past several years, in most cases, and feel sure we could come up with a realistic appraisal of present-day values.

From information I gathered, and what irks me somewhat, is the fact that some time ago Breen was supposed to have worked up a revised book on Gilbert's half cents, then apparently Ford bought it, and just laid it away. I think the more knowledge we all have regarding varieties, and new information is to be had, such should be made known to the collectors. It is only in that way that everyone shares numismatic knowledge and will help to divert attention from the speculative craze. But, this is nothing new; years ago Raymond, and others, were notorious for holding down values of certain coins, so they could buy them up cheap, and then revise it and away up would soar the Prices! I know of too many specific coins that were handled thus.

What have you done about the duplicate colonial notes you had promised me a long time ago? I thought I would get some by this time!

Today, April 1, 1964, I went to the Historical Society with your memo, and it was the only issue missing from their films, and in checking through their records, it appeared that the Library Co. had that issue. So, I went down there, and after an hour they couldn't locate that issue, and finally found that they had sent it out to have a film reproduction made of it for the N.Y. Society. They told me it should be returned by this week-end, and will check in there on Monday. I did want to get this off right away, so you would know I haven't procrastinated, and will send the information the minute they get it back again!

So, sit tight and I'll write the first opportunity following gleaming of the desired information. I just finished copying Kurth's article on Spiel-Merkes, that appeared in the Scrapbook some years ago, as I have over 30 different, and am anxious to learn more about them, and acquire different varieties as well. You won't believe this perhaps, but a chap called me last night on the phone, asking me to get together at least 100 colonial notes for a customer of his. He wants mostly Penna., New Jersey,

Delaware, and Maryland. I've been thinking about it, and am undecided as to what to do. I read with keen interest you latest installment on Franklin, and had a letter the other day from Fred, remarking that he hoped to have my New Hampshire article in print this summer. The work on Penna. goes slowly, as is customary with the final writing of any such, and even the Historical Society is interested in publishing it when it is ready. Brad wants to see it also, and am sure he will have some good suggestions about it.

So, I'll get this off pronto, and trust all is going well with you. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 7, 1964

Mr. Richard T. Hoerber
P. O. Box 63
Glenside, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I believe I have the solution to the problem you proposed on the first issue of Pennsylvania paper money.

The existence of a note dated January 17, 1723 is unsupported by any legislation, as you point out. The first legislation under the Loan Office Act is March 23, 1723 and bills in the amount of 15,000 pounds were issued dated April 21, 1723. These were very large bills with a long detailed text and a large seal of the colony. Of the four authorized signers, Benjamin Vining was included. The next issue of Pennsylvania currency was under the act of December 10, 1723 in the amount of 30,000 pounds and no notes are known, apparently. It so happens that Samuel Hudson is substituted for Benjamin Vining as a signer for this issue.

Samuel Hudson is no longer a signer in the issues authorized March 5, 1726 or September 15, 1729. Therefore, the only authorization of Samuel Hudson to sign bills was for the issue of December 10, 1723.

The notes issued under the September 15, 1729 issue are of much smaller size than the ones under the act of March 23, 1723 and the seal of Pennsylvania is much smaller. The seal of the January 17, 1723 issue is identical to that used on the 1729 issue and, likewise, the size of the bill is identical and the general text.

The logical conclusion, therefore, is that since the January 17, 1723 note of 20 shillings which exists has the Hudson signature authorized only by the act of December 10, 1723, has the small size note which obviously follows the large size note and is continued into subsequent issues, has a small size seal, which is continued into subsequent issues, that it must have been issued after the original note dated April 21, 1723 under the act of March 23, 1723. It becomes immediately clear that the January 17, 1723 notes were issued under the act of December 10, 1723.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Richard T. Hooper

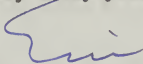
April 7, 1964

In view of the fact that in early 18th century America and early 18th century England the year end before the adoption of the Gregorian calendar sometimes was March 25, and was still in use to some degree until 1754, January 17, 1723 could well mean January 17, 1724 and was often written as January 17, 1723/24. This would explain the dating to some extent. If this logic were carried to conclusion, the date March 23, 1723 should have been written March 23, 1722. One could also consider the fact that January 17, 1723 was a typographical error, which happened in the South Carolina paper money issue of December 23, 1777 which should have been December 23, 1776. This type of error often happens on a year end, even today.

I hope you agree with the foregoing logic.

It is a pleasure to be of help.

Very truly yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

April 15, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P. O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

You and Betty were such pleasant hosts. I certainly appreciated your cordiality and your hospitality. I've never been in a home where so many Curriers surrounded me everywhere I went. I was very happy to meet your son and hope I did not disturb your peaceful Sunday too much.

I am sending you, under separate cover, "Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania" which I hope will be very helpful to you in your opus on Pennsylvania Colonial currency. I certainly was glad to be able to help you with respect to your writing and will give you a further report shortly.

I am returning herewith the mysterious Arabic backed notes along with a photocopy or so of the Arabic so that you can send them to someone who can read it for you. All other matters I am leaving for a subsequent letter. This is merely a "thank you" for the pleasure of meeting you and Betty and your son and being stimulated by your enthusiasm for the better things of life.

With my very best wishes,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

MEMORANDUM

April 20, 1964

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

If you are going to quote what I have written, would you substitute the enclosed excerpt instead of what I previously wrote.

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.

April 20, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is a clipping from Sunday's paper; thought it might be of interest to you, and enable you to keep up with happenings in Philadelphia!

I've been working most of the week-end on the Penna. tid-bit. Firday, I had a call from a correspondent, who is planning on sending me his collection of colonial notes, numbering, as he stated, 557 notes. So, I hope he will carry through and send them along, for I feel sure that his asking price is not too far off base, and that we can achieve a satisfactory arrangement for both of us. I'll let you know what happens at the time.

Things are moving along nicely. Bets and I worked in the yard all day Saturday, which was wonderful, but was a bit stiff by evening! Sunday was drizzling, and spent most of my time in my dungeon at the typewriter.

I'll get this off to you right away, and I hope all is well with you, and not working too hard. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.

April 27, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your many notes, and will try to get a copy of the Numismatist covering Ferry notes. My correspondent is to send his collection either today or tomorrow. I called him Friday, so I wouldn't lose out on it. Did you see the ad in Coin World paper of Payne's, in Atlanta, for an apparent colonial note collection he advertised therein? It's in the April 22nd issue, and some prices are Penna., 15sh. 4/25/59, Good, \$73.00; Mass., \$1.00, 5/5/80, VF, \$38.00; New Jersey, 6sh. Unc., 3/25/76, \$24.00, and so on Delaware notes of the 1/1/76 issue in VF at \$33.00, while XF are priced at \$48.00!! So, you can see what is happening to our favorites! I don't know how many he will sell at those prices, but for those who read such ads, and want to sell notes to dealers, they will, in turn, want more for their notes. So, from now until Convention time, if you will do so, keep tabs on all prices and auction sales, as I will do, and as soon as this book is finished, we will have a good collection of such current prices, and assist us greatly in ascertaining new values for each issue.

I'm just returning your memos with notes attached. I'm certainly not going to reduce any colonial note prices, that's for sure, and if your friend doesn't want any, that is perfectly O.K. with me. Many thanks for the information you sent me. Regarding my Penna. work, I'm up through the 1773 issues now, and it is progressing nicely. I also got the Scott book, and man, many thanks, and will return it to you just as soon as I check out a few things. In most cases, where he and Willingham had footnotes for sources in local papers, I want to investigate them for myself, as sometimes they were not complete quotes, and if suitable, want to make inclusion of whatever is necessary

to make it such, as I don't want to leave any loop-holes for the future, and want everything in one source for the future.

I have had two letters from Edward Barnsley, who took the few Conn. cents I sent him, and wants any others + get in the future. Things are shaping up for the display + mentioned earlier to you, and it may get moving soon now. Of course, there is a lot of work involved.

+ also spoke with Mrs. Boyd, and am going over to see her too. She has been suffering from a very bad cold, and she was glad + called, so keep your fingers crossed, and please don't tell anyone, especially Ford, about anything + tell you privately, for it will only work to our detriment. She is not too happy about several things, and I'm not mentioning anyone's name at all to her in any respect. If I can't swing this thing alone, + don't think anyone can, but it must be done in a very, very discreet manner, believe me, and + only emphasize that to you, and I'm sure you know what + mean! I always got along very well with her and Fred for many years, and + think she has confidence in my sincerity and honesty in working for HER complete satisfaction; that is the way it has to be done. The stupid New York boys cannot bring their minds up from the gutter; they have one driving obsession and can't see beyond their noses! I just had another instance of their operations from another source, and it is really sickening the way their small minds turn.

I acquired a number of scarce Va. town and county notes last week, and I'm really in the dark as to their value; + know some are scarce as the dickens, and wish a few of the boys would get together and catalogue the whole obsolete field. + may yet start on that too, which would take up a week or two time! More like ten years!

So, I'll let you know what transpires, and again, many thanks, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



You gave me a problem on
the 1746 Pa issue

Would you tell me again
what the problem is and
where the unknown date
came from. It may be from some

other state. Raymond has an issue
listed as 2/28/46, & is also listed under Del.,
so Raymond is in error in listing it in Pa.

Can you tell me if the prices
you put on the paper money I took
is net or is it subject to a
reduction. A fellow (not me)
who is interested in some says your
prices seem low (Is this "low"?)

Tell me what you expect
relative to the marked prices.

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Prices are as marked.

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 1964

TO Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

For the Pennsylvania article, I enclose photocopies of the pieces in the Library Company. These are absolutely unknown to me and the denomination is even unknown as they are 1760. I thought they were going to be 1764. You stated this was a blue sheet and I wanted to be sure of that.

EPN/atb

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.
April 23, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Dick checked your memo as to prices for the coins you had listed. So, you can decide what you want to do about them. I had hoped to get down to see Ed Wolfe today, but other matters arose that will postpone my visit. I had a chat last eve with the party at the school, and is to call me this evening about an appointment with the donor, so we can make the necessary plans and get cracking!

Thanks for the photo-copies of the notes; will try to learn more about them as I delve deeper into the matter. Do you think they would have been counterfeited, or some kind of essay? That, however, doesn't seem feasible to me; to print an unauthorized denomination!

As I mentioned before, keep the Mrs. Boyd matter under your bonnet, please. It won't do anyone any good, regardless, for I'm sure the other boys won't get a crack at it from what I learned, and it would only hurt my cause.

Everything else is moving along well; I'm pushing to get the book finished. I now have all the essential portions of all the acts typed up from the statutes, and a few chapters as well. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

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P. O. Box 243 : : Glenside, Pennsylvania

April twenty eighth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent letter, and the photo-copy. In checking up on the emission of 1780, there were 10,910 (?) of each of the 3d., 4d., and 6d. denominations authorized. I assume, being small denominations, and as such, were more widely used, they became worn sooner than the larger notes, thus their apparent scarcity. Your reference to Raymond for just that issue, is another valid reason for our working on getting this revised catalogue in good order, and published.

I got the large lot of colonial notes this morning, and haven't had any time to go through them so far; there is just so much to be done, and work on the Penna. book proceeds slowly, but at least, it is progressing toward the ultimate conclusion! One day that will be completed and then I can proceed to other things.

The New Jersey lot had a couple of John Hart notes, and a Francis Hopkinson signature of the 1771, Penna., issue, but haven't gone through the entire lot so far. The school display may want some of them, and am working on trying to set up a nice CSA note type collection as well. I'm awaiting another call about that, and am hoping to combine a trip to the school and a trip to Mrs. Boyd all in the one day, if possible. IF I can get to first base, and IF you can back me up with money on the Boyd material, which you indicated was possible from your associations, I think I can handle the thing piece-meal in several chunks at a time, without a tremendous outlay at any one time, which is what I want to do at any rate.

I had hoped to get to see Ed wolf today, but my meeting with my friend with the colonial prevented that. It has been raining here off and on most of the week, as well as last week, and am getting a bit impatient to see the sunshine once more. We are hoping to get to the mountains this week-end, to take some odds and ends up, the place opened up, and make some arrangements for getting heat installed this summer, working toward the day when we can finally disengage ourselves from present ties.

I'll get this off pronto, and I hope all is well in St. Louis! So, keep up your work on the catalogue, and I'll be working on that to fill in when I become bored with the tedium of the Penna. thing, and I feel we can get this rolling soon. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

April 29, 1964

Dear Betty,

Hereafter, when strangers
come to lunch, please refer them
to page 259 if they won't leave.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Richard Hooper
Wyncote, Penna.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

April 30, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

The February 28, 1746 Pennsylvania issue was an error originally made by Scott in the paper money catalogue and this was copied by Raymond. I was familiar with this error since Professor Miller, of Temple University, asked me about it about a year ago.

I have secured the numbers of all of the Colonial paper money stolen from Mr. Davis, over a year ago. He gave those numbers to Picker quite a while ago and Picker let me have them. If you want a copy I will certainly make one for you.

You may keep "Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania", as I told you.

I certainly want to congratulate you on the new project and I will discuss it with you further. It will be kept "top secret". When you make the call on your old friend, in New Jersey, I will be keeping my fingers crossed. I stand available for any purpose you may need me.

I sent your wife a little book which is in appreciation of your hospitality as I did not want to send her anything routine. You will notice that the U.S.Mint is mentioned. You will also notice page 257 and 259 are bound out of order, making this a rare error.

Virginia town and county notes were being sold by your friend, Affleck, for about \$3.00 each. I used to buy them at 10¢ each.

I will straighten out the open account as soon as I have the opportunity and merely wanted to report to you so that you know you are not forgotten.

My best regards to your entire family.

Sincerely yours,

May 6, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick,

It was a pleasure, as always, to talk to you and our future machinations should be interesting and very helpful.

My spies advise me that there will be either three or four Medals of Merit awarded at the A.N.A. convention this summer.

As to the new paper money collection which you have acquired, I believe that there should be some way of saving you a lot of work with respect to submitting some to me for my collection. Here is my suggestion:

You could make a simple list on one state or two at a time, giving the plate letter, if any, issue, denomination, condition, and price. Then I could ask you to send me only those which I had a definite interest in. I hope this will not be too much work for you as I presume you would have to do it, anyhow. If you have any better suggestion, that would be fine. As you realize, I don't want to miss any opportunity to improve my collection except that I am not interested in collecting by signature, as this is endless. I am only interested in the important signatures. Let's start with Delaware and Virginia, as you suggested.

Under separate cover I am sending your son a roll of 1938D Buffalo nickels. They list at \$3 each and I would only want a credit of 60%, or \$72.

I am also returning a few of the notes which I took and will account for the entire group as soon as my friends make up their minds.

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May 6, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper

I just replanted a whole bed of Lillies of the Valley which have been in our family for 60 years and were growing out into the lawn. Here I try so hard to grow grass and, instead, grow Lillies of the Valley.

My very best wishes,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

5/9/64

Dear Eric

The problem is how
to convey the thoughtful
and, therefore, welcome
"Stranger" that his presence
was (and is) pleasurable.

I thank you most
sincerely for this lovely
and rare little century
old book. I shall have
a much more appreciative

feeling about my city after
reading it and I shall cer-
tainly know much more
about it. I will be sure
to walk through its streets
in 1864 and see it as
my grandparents must
have seen it for the
first time. Thank you.

Betty

May 8, 1964

Hoover

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.

May 5, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for your nice letter, and the Lottery Ticket, and I am enclosing the only three remaining Hungtowns in trade for it. I'm sure you will be able to find use for them.

I had another phone call from the school deal; telling me to sit tight until they can arrange a meeting with the donor, so we can sit down together and go over the plans they may have, along with some of my own as to the type of material to display, etc., etc. So, I hope to hear later this week about that.

I was waiting also on the appointment to make further arrangements in New Jersey!! But, if nothing develops within a day or two, I will try to go to N.J. this week, for sure. I don't want it to grow cold.

I'm still working on the Penna. bit; it progresses slowly. I can't have any errors or misinformation, for I'm sure you would be the first one to pick me up on it. Which is just as it should be. What's the use of doing it if it isn't accurate to the smallest detail? Right? I'm straining to get it finished so that I can resolve the catalogue and get cracking on that right away? I think the time is propitious to say the least.

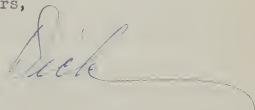
I don't recall the exact time you were going abroad. I believe you stated you would be gone a month. Is that correct? You will just have to be in Cleveland in August, for by that time we will have so much more to discuss. And, please try to get your ideas as to the catalogue format set up, suggestions, questions, etc., so it won't take too much time thereafter.

Spent the week-end at the cottage; washed windows, started some small projects, and spoke to a contractor regarding the permanent heating that must sooner or later be installed. Tried a little trout fishing Sunday morning, but the weather has been quite cold, and what with high water, no luck! Of course, should I catch any, I put them back again, so I will have

another chance at them on some future occassion, and then too, it helps improve the stream.
What good is one or two picayune trout for a meal?

Well, I'll keep you posted as I make progress, and trust you and your loved ones
are well and that you aren't working too hard. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

May 12, 1964

Mr. Richard M. Hoerber
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick,

I want to try to clean up the items I took on approval from you. The delay has been due to my permitting others to buy some of them. Accordingly, I am returning herewith the balance of the items that were not wanted plus certain items which need special comment. I am sending an extra copy of this letter so that you can comment right on it.

The Farmers Bank of Missouri has a large tear at the top and the price was \$15.00. One of my friends asked me to see if you would reduce its price in view of that situation.

\$1 Exchange Bank of Tennessee. One of my friends wanted to know what you would allow him in exchange for this note.

25¢ Bank of the State of Georgia. An allowance toward purchases is requested on this item also.

I believe I told you that I thought it was fair to exchange two blue Connecticut 1777 2 pence notes for one on white paper, all of which are cancelled. Is that okay?

The 1764 Pennsylvania 10 shilling note is in identical or better condition than yours and is exchanged for highly technical unimportant reasons.

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May 12, 1964

Mr. Richard M. Hooper

The #10 Commercial Bank of Indiana, payable in Iowa, is an Ormsby note, and I would like to exchange it for your #2 Chambersburg note.

Your #3 Monmouth note I would like to keep and send you herewith my old #3 Monmouth plus a #3 Exeter note.

My 1769 Pennsylvania 2/6 note has been substituted for yours and in this situation you are getting a poorer note.

One of my friends is submitting for exchange \$54.70 in modern U. S. Coins at 1964 Red Book value which you said might be okay. If any are not to your liking please say so and you will be paid cash instead.

The Philadelphia Safety & Deposit Stock certificate is a present.

The notes being purchased by the St. Louis group are on the attached sheet - for which money will be sent - as soon as I hear from you on the above matters.

I am very pleased that Betty has enjoyed the little Philadelphia guide book and it was cute for her to write.

The 1764 Pennsylvania issue information is most appreciated and I am glad that Wolf will read your book. I, naturally, would like to see it published by the American Numismatic Society, but that is entirely up to you.

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Mr. Richard M. Hooper

May 12, 1964

I am looking forward to the notes in the new collection which you acquired and am anxiously awaiting the results of your various expeditions. These I won't delay by letting others see them.

I am glad that, together, we stimulated your son into more enjoyment of numismatics through knowledge. We both have so much fun out of it we can't help but share it.

I will telephone you in due course because we can accomplish so much on the phone.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and as you will note, I am amenable to the various items you mentioned and listed above. I'm still hard at work on the book, and hope that within a month it will be pretty well finished.

Things have been at a standstill on both the exhibit and collection at the present moment, and am anxious to get moving on both just as soon as possible. I will let you know my progress at once as they progress.

I'll get this off to you right away, so your friends will know what to do, and with kindest regards, + remainig

Cordially yours,



May 26, 1964

Dear Dick,

To clean up current transactions, I find purchases are \$137.50 - credits for coins and currency exchanged - \$133.70 - leaving a balance due you of \$3.80 which is enclosed.

Please send the Virginia County notes when you can.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Hooper
Glenside, Penna.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.
May 26, 1964.

Dear Eric:

I received your package of coins this morning, and hasten to reply. I have checked through the lot and am enclosing payment of \$125.00. I just wish the coins were in better condition, but perhaps Dick can sell them in his shop, which is now being prepared for his opening on Monday. Several local collectors are anxiously awaiting it, as there is none other in the vicinity, and they complain about having to go all the way in town for their supplies, etc. So, he got a large furrier's safe yesterday, and three show cases from a chap in the city, who is closing out.

I'm still working hard on the book, and hope you have been giving some thought re the catalogue, for it becomes more and more apparent that such is sorely needed right now! I'll be able to get a rough idea of pricing the notes quickly, but I would like the format considered carefully, illustrations, etc., and other pertinent information useful to the collector, and probably some system of numbering, if you think this feasible, similar to Friedberg's, etc.

I will hold this lot intact for a week, and will assume it is O.K. with your friend if I don't hear before then. It's funny how a few of the gold-back notes start cropping up now that the restrictions have been lifted, and believe that such notes in nice condition will probably bring decent prices before very long.

I've been going up to the cottage each week-end, and we hope to get away on Thursday afternoon this week, for the long week-end, but there is much to be done up there, and want to get things moving. But, it all takes time, and I'll be working on the book in the evenings, so hope to get a good bit done by Monday.

Here is a small lot of Va. notes; you mentioned wanting some, so you can look these over, and perhaps you, or your friend, might want some. They are priced on backs in pencil. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



June 5, 1964

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Today I submitted your offer to the people who own the coins you have in your possession and I added \$15 to your offer so as to include the silver dollars and saved the 16th silver dollar to cover my postage to you. I hope they accept the proposition.

I am returning a number of the Virginia notes which you sent so that you can offer them to others but have held out 5 tentatively.

If you are able to buy the coins which I located for you I won't feel so bad about offering you other Virginia pieces in exchange for these. Otherwise I would not want to do that.

I call your particular attention to the 15¢ Charleston note which is an Upham forgery. The one I have contains Upham's name printed on the lower margin but yours does not. I presume you priced it on the basis that it was a genuine note but you can see by the signatures that they were printed.

All that happened today here at the office was that the City flooded our basement by drilling a hole into the basement and leaving it uncovered overnight. The entire street drained into the basement in the course of the rain. We are giving swimming lessons in our basement now. Of course, I realize I should take the attitude that the rain is making the flowers grow but any flour we had in the basement is now paste.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

June 10, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Whitfield J. Bell, of the American Philo-
sophical Society, has just advised me that philo-
sophically-minded citizens of Philadelphia some-
times petitioned the Assembly to be appointed signers
of Pennsylvania paper currency, promising to pay
their fees over to the Pennsylvania Hospital.
In this way some rather important people, apparently,
signed the money with charitable motives in mind.

I think this would be very important to re-
search further for your Pennsylvania book.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

June 12, 1964

Dear Dick,

I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of the letter of the owner of the coins sent to you. I am sorry to say that they must be returned.

I will ask her for the reimbursement of the shipping costs.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Hooper
Glenside, Penna.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.

June 24, 1964.

Dear Eric:

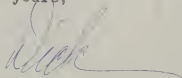
Here are the two St. Louis notes for your inspection. The Florida note is marked R.65 and C10, by the owner. with Roman numerals II on each side at top, dated at Tallahassee, Jan. 1, 1862. It is in crisp condition, printed by Hoyer & Ludwig, of the State of Florida. I also have a \$20.00 note, dated Oct. 10, 1861.

So, if you can use these, as well as those others you still have on hand, I would rather have the cash for them right now instead of a trade, as I have quite a bit of material coming in that I want to pay for.

It was nice to talk with you last evening, and trust everything is O.K. with you. With kindest regards, I remain,

The \$5.00 note is 7.00

Cordially yours,



July 1, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna. 19038

Dear Dick:

I am leaving for England and want you to know that I will be doing research over there. I plan to visit the Birmingham Assay Office, the Birmingham Mint, and would like to see if I can locate some data on Anglo-American coinage which seems important.

Of the two Missouri notes you sent recently, one is returned, being the counterfeit; the other was also a counterfeit but was readily taken by a friend of mine.

I am also enclosing a check for \$15.00 on account.

Some Southern bank note (I forgot)	\$ 4.25
Shenandoah County	3.25
Winchester, Virginia, scrip	4.75

I am also offering you two possible exchanges:
A Concordia \$2, which is mine, for your Rockingham 10¢ note.
A Richmond, Virginia 50¢ and 75¢ note for your Stewardsville, Virginia note, which has two holes in it. You may return to me your notes or my notes, depending how the matter strikes you.

I am endeavoring to collect the postage you expended and the postage I expended on that group of coins which I thought you were going to be able to buy. They have not called for them yet and I am still hopeful that the deal might go through.

I find that I already have the Florida notes concerning which you wrote me.

Keep juggling everything, as always, and end up smiling.

I sincerely hope you have a delightful summer.

Sincerely,

P. O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna. 19038.

July 6, 1964.

Dear Eric:

I suppose by the time this arrives in St. Louis, you will be touring in Europe, and I sincerely hope you and the family will have a wonderful time. Thank you for your letter and notes. I will retain the Parish note in trade, and am returning the two Va. notes you offered along with the Rockingham. Honestly, I have several of each of those you sent, and would rather have something else, if possible in exchange for the Stewardsville note.

So, I suppose I will not hear from you before August, and everything here is moving along O.K. Dick's shop is doing well; the clientele is increasing slowly, and he has a couple of real collectors now as customers, one especially for half cents. He sold an 1828, red B.U., 12 star half cent for \$150.00 the other day, but it is really scarce in that condition.

I will keep you advised as other matters progress, and hope all is well with you. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



August 11, 1964

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Since I will see you at the convention, I will be very brief.

I am returning the Stewardsville, Virginia, note.

I owe you \$4.25 for some Southern bank note, \$3.25 for a Shenandoah County piece, \$8.00 for the Merchants Bank of St. Louis, and \$4.75 for the Winchester piece, making a total of \$20.25. In addition, I collected \$1.78 for you for the postage on that collection I sent you which they did not wish to sell. This raises the total to \$22.03. I have sent you \$15.00 on account and therefore enclose my check for \$7.03 putting us even for the moment.

I just heard that Peggy Wolf (wife of Edwin Wolf) had been killed in an automobile accident a month or so ago. Had you heard this, and is it true, as I want to check on it before writing him.

I look forward to seeing you and your wife in Cleveland and call your attention to the fact that the award is at a morning business session, on Friday, and, therefore, I have told my wife, definitely, not to come.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 24, 1964

here
Mr. Richard Hoolter
P. O. Box 63
Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038

Dear Dick:

I was disappointed not to see you and Betty at the Convention after all the planning. The airplane I was on was hit by lightning so I was almost absent. I at least have an excuse for anything nutty I do.

The presentation was very short and impersonal as well as before a small group so I don't believe you missed much.

I enjoyed the contacts with old friends and learned much. Brad was there and physically he is most pitiful - what a shame.

My best to you,

Eric P. Newman

EPN/cal

P.O. Box 63, Hamid, Pa. 19038.

August 26, 1964.

Dear Friend, Eric:

Thank you for your nice note received this morning. Yes, I had every good intention of being with you last week, but as Bobbie Barrus observed, "The best laid plans of mice and men..."

Dick had to serve his two weeks tour of duty at Indiantown Gap (his final session) just at this time. I had to decide which was more important - helping him to keep the shop running, or inflating my ego by travelling to Cleveland, and, as you know, I decided upon the former!! It is just as simple as that.

I am sure you and the boys had a wonderful time out there, and thought of you so often. I am terribly sorry to hear of Brad's further retrogression - She often thought I would enjoy such a job as being editor, but actual journalistic background is lacking, but on several occasions have passed on to him, Mosher, and Saton, some ideas, of course, only a few of

which were acted upon.

Things here are moving along to final closing of my business, and increasing gradually the tempo of mimismatic interests. At our mountain cottage, we've been working diligently at making store work (23 finished thus far), painting, building closets, bookshelves, etc. It is fun, however, and each week-end sees some progress! And so it goes.

Yes, Mr. Ed Wolfe, as you mentioned, was killed in a terrible accident. I have not been to the Library recently, and so haven't spoken to him. Just what can we say. Only in our own hearts, our own religion, our own philosophy, can help^{us} to alleviate our own sorrows. All must withstand the acid test, not like the "summer soldier, and the sunshine patriot" mentioned by Poe, that wither in the strong light of Day.

Again, many thanks for so much in the past, and I hope you and your loved ones have had the best summer ever, blessed with good health and spirits. With best wishes, I remain, as ever

Cordially yours,

Dick

P.O. Box 63, Glenside, Penna., 19038.

October 22, 1964.

Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything in dear old St. Louis, now that the series is history? We are still in a daze as to how our Purities folded as they did!

I've suffered from a two week virus attack, which I finally conquered, and then last week and was hit by another. It looks as if I'll have my business affairs cleaned up within another month. Thank goodness!

I was wondering if you were finished with the negatives of the colonial notes, by this time. I have some things I want to do with them.

I've about polished up my ms for Penna. notes, and am awaiting a reply to my letter to Whitman, and will then be guided accordingly. I have several other things spinning round in my brain; I've been working at this one thing just about long enough now!

Art Lipe gave me my medal at our club meeting Tuesday.
We had a very nice meeting, with good attendance. Dick
went with me. Still haven't sold our house here, and
guess our move will now be delayed until spring. But,
I think it will all work out just as well, for it is
much colder up there from now on.

I hope everything is fine with you, not working too
hard, and getting some nice additions to your collection.
With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

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Dear Eric:

Well, how is everything in dear old St. Louis, these dreary, drizzly days? Fortunately, we have had only a trace of snow thus far, and so I suppose we should not complain.

I have been intending writing long ere this, but have been putting the final touches to my business affairs, and find I have fewer hours each day to do all the things I want to do with studies, etc. Of course, I'm trying to slowly expand the mail business, and have been getting some nice coins and notes gradually, as well as more correspondents.

I had a letter from Whitman, following their talk with you about my book, and they were rejecting it as not being of more general interest to them, which is understandable. Although some of the junk they publish on really obscure subjects certainly has no universality of interest!

Last Friday was spent at a library, digging out additional data, which I want to include in the book, particularly a phase of Franklin's correspondence on the money problem, and the possibility of creating a bank in Phila., etc., etc. So, it means some revisions in two chapters again, and have had some suggestions as to format, which are better than my original ideas, so will see how it shapes up.

I also acquired 15 different Sutler's cardboard issues, all different from those that James Curto wrote about in the 1962 Numismatist, mostly of Penna. regiments, and made some photos of them yesterday. Curto didn't have but two specimens to illustrate his article then, and mentioned that his only information was from records on them. So, I intend writing something of a supplemental nature to that, and wrote him last week about it, so perhaps I will get a letter from him this week. There were a few duplicates in the group I acquired, and the elderly collector, told me he had gotten them together over a 50 year period, and surely are scarcer than the metal tokens, which are scarce enough!

Lick, Jr. has been doing quite well with his shop, and getting new customers slowly but steadily, and acquiring some nice stock along the way. But, he has shied away from the speculative junk, for which I am very grateful, for the 1964 proof sets are slipping steadily, together with many of the rolls, etc. One of these days, the boys will be tossing their teletype machines in the trash cans, and some of the boys will be flushed down the drain as a result. I continue to hear many rumors of evils existing in the business, and I couldn't care less.

I would appreciate your sending me the negatives of the colonial notes, as I want to use them for illustrative purposes in the near future. I have looked for others I thought I had, and which you asked about, but can find nothing, except some of the later notes, and nothing of importance.

So, I do hope all is well with you, and not working too hard! With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

April 6, 1965

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am sending you, under separate cover, the Pennsylvania section of the Colonial catalog I am writing. I hope you will do me the honor of going over it and checking such data as you can. You can do everything from straightening out my English to correcting spellings of names, and whatever you do will be most appreciated.

You will particularly note some of my comments concerning the spelling of PENNSYLVANIA and you might insert in your book how Pennsylvania was supposed to be spelled during the various periods involved.

I have finished ten colonies and am closing in on this mass of detail.

The small "c" in a circle means that there is a counterfeited existence.

The "square parenthesis" means the number authorized or issued.

The "U" in a circle means an unsigned piece.

Spring has finally come here and I can only say the miserable weather this winter was very helpful to my writing.

You have not told me, lately, as to the progress on your book, and, naturally, I am looking forward to it as it will have much interesting data far beyond what would be in a catalog.

A very Happy Easter to you and your family.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

April 16, 1965

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am absolutely floored by your letter of April 13, 1965 and spent the time since I have received it worrying about it.

There was never any intention on my part to even infer anything critical about you going in the coin business. I thought I was being funny when I used the expression "sneaking into the coin business" and all I meant was that you would gradually work into it in a quiet manner. I am very sorry it was misinterpreted.

I just was advised that Dr. Judd has had his entire classical collection of coins burglarized. He had them in a basement vault and I, as well as others, have commented on the fact that he was just asking for a burglary and was risking his personal safety as well. This ties right in with what you say about the big dealers, many of whom must be quite involved in the fencing of the major collections which are stolen.

The attitude of the paper money collector who was perfectly willing to wait until you get around to doing business with him is certainly an indication of his feeling toward you and his feeling against the big dealers. I certainly would want to be a customer after you land that collection.

As to the catalogue matter, I telephoned you last night and no one answered. I will keep trying until I talk to you. This is just another misunderstanding which I must explain to you in detail.

I am glad that you got your thoughts off your chest so the air can be cleared. Without that directness I would never have guessed the situation.

I have been asked to go to Paris on coin forgery in June and work with the International Association. I am amused to note who the members are and who will be in attendance and it was amusing for me to see that some of those in attendance are those who have covered up the facts on forgeries and who sell them. This would be like giving a talk to the Chinese Communists on the advantages of capitalism. I do not plan to get involved.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

October 14, 1965

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 63
Glenside, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I have been on vacation in the heart of Africa and did not have the opportunity to read your Colonial and Continental Currency Catalogue from cover to cover until recently. I realize that your work was in the pricing category and feel that you produced a carefully studied and most fair determination of prices. This is a very difficult field, to set prices, when customers know so little about what is scarce and what is not.

I note that a good deal of the catalogue was patterned after the Standard Catalogue of Mayte Raymond and I hope nobody complains.

The catalogue I have written is virtually ready for the printer and has loads of detail which may be dull. Prices are being inserted by Douglas and Picker and not by me. I prefer to stay out of the commercial end.

I hope your retirement gives you a chance to do more things you want to do and I hope you and your wife enjoy being out of the rat race.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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